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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6897

BILL NUMBER: SB 291

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 29, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Regional Water, Sewage, and Solid Waste Districts.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lawson C

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires mailed notice of a board of trustees election to all eligible voters in a regional water, sewage, or solid waste district. The bill allows eligible voters to vote by absentee ballot in board elections. It requires mailed notice to all users of a district's works of a hearing concerning a district's proposed ordinance to establish, change, or readjust the district's rates and charges. This bill also requires a notice of a proposed ordinance to change or readjust rates to contain a statement informing property owners of the district of their right to file a petition objecting to an ordinance increasing rates at a yearly rate that is greater than 5%.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Requiring mailed notice of a board of trustees election to all eligible voters in a regional water, sewage, or solid waste district; requiring mailed notice to all users of a district's works of a hearing concerning a district's proposed ordinance to establish, change, or readjust the district's rates and charges; and requiring a notice of a proposed ordinance to change or readjust rates to contain a statement informing property owners of the district of their right to file a petition objecting to an ordinance increasing rates at a yearly rate that is greater than 5% will increase administrative costs to the districts by an indeterminable amount.

This proposal may also result in more public participation which could result in a change in the outcome of

district plans and proposals which could, in turn, affect the revenues and expenses of the districts.

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of Local Expenditures* above.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Regional water, sewage, and solid waste districts.

Information Sources:

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